

HCS HB 285 -- DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE NEAR A CHILD CARE FACILITY

SPONSOR: Pace

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Standing Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 8 to 0.

This substitute specifies that a person commits the crime of distribution of a controlled substance near a child care facility, a class A felony, if he or she unlawfully distributes or delivers any controlled substance in violation of Section 195.211, RSMo, to a person in or on, or within 200 feet of the property comprising a child care facility as specified in Section 210.201 or a child placing agency or residential care facility as specified in Section 210.481.

A defendant found by the court to be a persistent drug offender must serve his or her term without probation or parole.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help protect children from drugs being distributed on or near child care facilities.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Pace.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.